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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

1896-97
(Police)

File No. 53

Serial Nos. 12, 13, 17 and 21

B.
~~**Papers Filed.**~~

Month October 96

SUBJECT.

Prosecution in cases of infant marriages during the year 1896-97.
(Nagadevanhalli)

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.

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SECTION Police

FILE No. 53 of 96 (2)

released channels
for the country, we
may give the Reserves
asked for.

4-9-96

In Police
report Wharton
early in March
there were
only

5/9/96

Police for it

5-9-96

Duplicate

Under the Act an
appeal shall mean a
Court of Petty Sessions
as the word "court" is
defined in the Act
Petty Sessions Court

3/9/96

Release via the Kawau
cancellation of the Regulation

4-9-96

entry in the

The

Sailed 6 Dec

The Kawaka translation
however (illegible)
is all right. I submit
that the original
Register of Births is
not likely to throw
any further information
than that already
in the Police report.
I feel the Police are
justified that further
enquiry should

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

READ—

Letter No. 742 ~~80~~ dated 27th August 1896

from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

reporting that on the 22nd April 1896, an infant girl of the age of 7 years, 2 months and 18 days named Kanumi, the daughter of one Jain Naik, a Revenue Duffedar at Nanjipura was married to one Chikka, the brother-in-law of the said Duffedar at Nagadevanhalli in the Kadur Taluk of the Kadur ~~Kadur~~ District.

ORDER THEREON No. _____ DATED September 1896

Under the provisions of section 8 of Regulation X of 1894, the Government are pleased to direct the prosecution, for offences under section 3 of the Mysore Infant Marriages Prevention Regulation, of all persons who caused the marriage of the infant girl named Kanumi _____ with a person named Chikka _____ and of all persons who knowingly aided and abetted the same, and of the said husband Chikka _____

~~General~~ Secretary.

To

The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.
The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Is it expedient to order a trial in this case where the girl is very near though not quite 8 years

In column 12 of page

no 6 SECTION Calendar

& FILE No. me whose

marriage has now

SER 41 No.

been postponed for the

prosecution of

certain parties con-

cerned in the same, as

appears. This

page is meant for

the month of Feb. 89.

It is not signed

by the Patel of

Nagadevanhalli

whereas other pages

in which similar

entries are made,

have all been signed

by him. This omission

particularly as in

this case, affects

the genuineness of

the entry in the page

in question.

Submitted to the

26/9

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Subd of 1st Councillor
with a draft
3/9/96

SECTION Police
FILE No. S3 57-95
SERIAL No. 12

From

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

(1)

To

The ~~General~~ Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

Dated 27th
Despatched 28th } August 1896.

Received 31-~~--~~-96 @ 1 P.M.

General No. 742
No. 80

Enclosure No. One.

Forwarding Copy of letter No. 51 of the 11th instant from the Superintendent of Police, Kadur, reporting on the occurrence of an infant marriage at Nagadevanahalli near Birur, and requesting sanction to the prosecution of those concerned in it.

J 2878/96

Prosecution against Purohit is not recommended.

Jules to 1st Lr.

Thursday noon after
all letters to hand 6-9-96
a very good case

26/9

Japan —
There is a conflict
of Evidence as to date.
The Entry in the
Ms not signed
which may explain
when other Entries
are signed.

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Joseph
Japan 4
28-9-96.

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OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 742/80 Dated Bangalore, 27th August 1896 28th

Enc. one

FROM

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

To

THE ~~GENERAL~~ SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
General and Revenue Departments.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith ~~a~~ copy of letter No. 51 of the 11th instant from the Superintendent of Police, Kadur District, reporting on the occurrence of an infant marriage at Nagadevanahalli near Birur in the Kadur Taluk on the 22nd April 1896.

2. The case was taken up on the complaint of one Jan Naik, a Revenue Tuffedar at Narsipur in the Hassan District, who stated that his infant daughter Hanumi was being married to his brother-in-law Chikka, against his will. The Police enquiry held in the case shews that Hanumi, a girl aged 7 years 2 months and 18 days was given in marriage to one Chikka and that the marriage was arranged by Doddee, the mother of the bride, and Kempa, brother of the bridegroom and another Nirwani

[illegible]

brother-in-law of the Complainant Jan Mark.

3. With regard to the age of the bridegroom Chikka, it is reported that there is no documentary evidence, but he is stated by all the persons who attended the marriage to be about 22 years, and a medical certificate obtained from the Hospital Assistant at Birur also shows that he is about 23 or 24 years.

4. The Superintendent of Police recommends the prosecution of Doddee, mother of the bride, Chikka, the bridegroom and Kempa and Nirvani, the abettors of the marriage, and I beg accordingly that sanction may be accorded to prosecute the above said individuals for an offence under section 3 of the Infant Marriages Prevention Regulation No. X of 1894.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Inspector General of Police.

Kadúr District Police Office

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Encl. 1/12

Kadur 11th August 1896

From,

The Superintendent of Police,
Kadúr District.

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To,

The Inspector General
of Police in Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report connected with a case of Infant marriage at Nagadevanahalli near Birúr in the Kadúr Taluk, said to have taken place on the 22nd April 1896, and to state that the circumstances under which it was solemnized disclosed an offence under Section 3 of Regulation X of 1894.

This case was originally taken up by Mr. Ballard and partly investigated by him. Under my orders the investigation was completed and the particulars of the case are given below.

One Jan Naik a Revenue Ruffedar at Narsipur, Hassan District complained to the Police at Birur on the night of the 21st April 1896 that his daughter Hanumi a young girl was being married to his brother-in-law Chikka, against his will and expressed a desire that it should be set aside more especially as the girl was 7 years old and the rules declared that she was a minor, the prescribed age being 8. Before the Police interferred in the matter, the marriage of the girl was completed.

Mr. Ballard directed the prosecution of the parties concerned and the collection of the evidence necessary for that purpose. The evidence secured in the case is that the marginally noted persons who attended the marriage speak to the fact that the girl is under age and that the bridegroom is about 22 years.

x Timmappa.
Patel Rudre Gowda.
Ranganna.
Mallappa.
Kencha.
Giria alias Hanuma.
Birur Manja.
Gowra.
Kempa.
Rama
Narasimha Jois.
Shanbhog Ramanna.

As-

5. As regards the age of the girl, an entry in the Birth and Death Register shews that the girl was born on the 3rd February 1889, so that when she was married, she had completed 7 years 2 months and 18 day Shanbhog Shamanna who is a well known man in the village of Nagadevanahalli speaks to the age of the girl being nearly 7½ and to the fact that he is aware of her birth in the said village. The same Shanbhog deposes that it is he that entered the information in the Birth and Death Register for Patel Rudregowda who is illiterate and that it is the same girl who is now under reference. The Patel corroborates him. His evidence coupled with that given by the attendants proves indisputably that the girl is under the prescribed age.

Apart from the evidence of the attendants who all say that the bridegroom should be about 22 years, a medical certificate obtained from the Bevur Hospital Assistant shews that he is about 23 or 24 years. There is no horoscope written for him. The rules require that the age of the bridegroom must be 18 in a case like the present one. The evidence is conclusive as to his age being above 18 years and as he is a grown-up man with all the indications of manhood, there is not the least doubt that he is far above the prescribed age.

Now as to the abettors, it is proved that Dooddee the girl's mother was prompted by the bridegroom's brother Kempa and another Nirwani brother-in-law of the Complainant. These two abettors do not deny the part taken by them in the affair.

The principal offenders are:

1 Dooddee, 2 Chikka.

The abettors are: 1 Nirwani, 2. Kempa.

I request that you will be so good as to represent this case to Government and move them to accord sanction to the prosecution of the principal offenders and the abettors under Regulation X of 1894, as this is a first instant of the kind in the District.

There is no evidence to proceed against the Jois.

I have the Hon'ble,

/Signed/ G. Dunning
Superintendent of Police,
Kadur District.

12-8-96
Kadur.

"Copy"

/Sd/ Ramachandra Rao
Inspector General
of Police.

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Urgent

The Deputy Supt of Police

No: 3398/J350 -

Date: 7-9-96 -

SECTION Police
FILE NO. 5387/96
SERIAL NO. 13

His letter No: 742/80 dated 27th August 1896 reporting on the occurrence of an infant marriage at Nagadevanahalli near Bidar

Has the honor to request that the original Birth & Death Register referred in letter no: 5:1 dt 11-8-96 from the Supt of Police, Kadur may be obtained & forwarded to this office at an early date.

Issued by

B/10/96
Secretary

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From

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

SECTION Police

FILE No. 53 of 96

SERIAL No. 12

To

The ~~General~~ Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
Genl. & Rev. Depttts.

Dated 20th }
Despatched 21st } September 1896.

Received 22 — 9 — 96

General No. 1008
No. 119

Enclosure No. one file.

Forwarding the births and death Register of Vagadevanhalli village in the Kadur Taluk as requested

Genl. 21-9-96

Endt. noted
Rev. 23-9-96

OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 1008 / 119 Dated ..... 20 September 1896.
2/81

Enc. one file

FROM

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

To

THE ~~GENERAL~~ SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.
General & Revenue Depts.

Sir, In reply to your docket No. 3398/350 dated the 7th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith in original, the Birth and Death Register of Naga-devanhalli village in the Kadur Taluk for the year 1888 as requested therein.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient servant.

M Jagadeva Rao

Inspector General
of Police.

Read

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No. 4568 / 503 / Sec 1 dt 2-10-96.

Letter No: 742/80 dt 27-8-96 and subsequent correspondence on the subject from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore reporting that on the 22nd April 1896 an infant girl named Hanumi, aged 7 years was married to one Chikka at Nagadevana-halli in the Kadur Taluk and recommending the prosecution of the parties concerned

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SERIAL No. 28

Order thereon.

The Government decline to accord sanction to the prosecution of the persons above concerned in the ~~sin-~~ ~~fault marriage~~ as ~~they are of opinion that~~ ~~there is a conflict of~~ ~~evidence~~

evidence ~~as to~~ of the age is unreliable factor.
of the bride. I
entry of the bride's name
in the birth & death
Register of Nagadavena-
halli is, besides, not signed by
the Patel of the village,
which looks very sus-
picious, when other
entries are signed by
him.

30/12

for Secretary

To

The D. G. of Police rtg
the birth & death Regr.